



## 2012 STOCK USE & GRAZING RESTRICTIONS - KINGS CANYON NP WILDERNESS PERMIT CONDITIONS

These area-specific restrictions supplement the Minimum Impact Restrictions and guidelines.

**Stock use:** travel and camping with stock (horses, mules, burros, or llamas) and grazing in designated forage areas. **Closed to grazing:** areas open to stock travel and camping with stock provided they remain confined on a hardened surface and are given substitute feed. **Day rides & pass-through travel only:** areas open to stock travel, but animals may not graze or stay overnight. **Closed to stock:** areas closed to all stock access.

Hold & feed, and confine animals properly if not grazing. Keep all animals out of wet areas. Maximum party size is 15 people, 20 head of stock unless otherwise stated. Stock are restricted to within ½ mile of maintained trails except in designated off-trail areas. Keep your camp compact and unobtrusive. Do not build or improve fire rings or campsite “furniture”. Camp at least 100 ft. away from water where terrain permits and always camp at least 25 ft. from water. Remove and scatter all manure piles from within 100 feet of the campsite to reduce odors and insect problems, and to maintain the appearance of the site. Carry a rake to fill in pawed-up areas. Tie to trees only when packing or unpacking stock. Never tie to trees smaller than 6” in diameter. Water stock downstream from campsites. Do not let stock urinate or defecate directly into water sources. If your stock dies in the wilderness, notify a ranger as soon as possible for help in properly disposing of the animal. Dead stock must be moved at least 300 feet from trails, campsites, and water within 72 hours of death. Minimize gear and number of stock to minimize impacts to the wilderness. All wheeled vehicles, and all motorized equipment are prohibited in wilderness per the Wilderness Act of 1964.

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### SOUTH FORK SAN JOAQUIN RIVER:

Upper Goddard Canyon	<u>Day rides only</u> from one mile above Hell-for-Sure Trail Junction to Martha Lake.
Hell-for-Sure Pass	Unmaintained trail open to stock use.
Evolution Meadow	Limited to 175 stock nights.
Colby Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> .
Darwin Meadow	Temporarily <u>closed to grazing</u> in Darwin Meadow proper. Stock users are required to use the “pocket meadows” in the forested area to the north and west of Darwin Meadow.
Lake 11,106’	<u>Day rides only</u> .
McGee Canyon	Unmaintained trail below 10,400’ open to stock use; <u>closed to stock</u> above 10,400’.
Darwin Bench & Canyon	<u>Closed to stock</u> .
Evolution Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules from Evolution Lake to Muir Pass; one night grazing limit for walking groups with burros or llamas.

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### MIDDLE FORK KINGS RIVER DRAINAGE:

Upper LeConte Canyon	Temporarily closed to grazing above 10,000’ to protect mountain yellow legged frog habitat.
Big Pete Meadow	Limited to 50 stock nights by private and commercial parties only. Users are requested to work with LeConte ranger on grazing practices.
Dusy Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> from lower lip of the basin to Bishop Pass, including Rainbow Lakes.
Cataract Creek	<u>Day rides only</u> .
Blue Canyon Area	Unmaintained trail below 10,000’ open to stock use; <u>closed to stock</u> above 10,000’.
Goddard Creek Meadows	<u>Closed to grazing</u> from 10,200’ to 10,400’.

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### MONARCH DIVIDE:

Hotel Creek	Traditional off-trail routes and forage areas open to stock use.
Kennedy Canyon	Open to off-trail stock use.
Dougherty/Horseshoe Creeks	Open to off-trail stock use.
Shorty’s Meadow	Two night grazing limit.

Granite Basin	Open to off-trail stock use except for Granite Lake.
Granite Lake	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>
Grouse Lake	Unmaintained trail open to stock use.

### **SOUTH FORK KINGS RIVER AND WOODS CREEK DRAINAGES:**

Cartridge Pass/Lakes Basin	Unmaintained trail open to stock use; probably impassable.
Woods Lake Meadows/Basin	<u>Closed to grazing</u> around Woods Lake shore; trail to Sawmill Pass open to stock use.
Woods Creek Crossing	Two meadows on south side of Woods Creek below camp area <u>closed to grazing.</u>
Castle Domes Meadow	15 head per party maximum; one night grazing limit.
Paradise Valley	<u>Closed to grazing</u> up to the Lower Castle Domes drift fence.
Baxter Creek Drainage	<u>Day rides and pass-through travel only</u> from John Muir Trail to Baxter Pass.
Rae Lakes Basin	Entire basin <u>closed to grazing</u> , including Dragon Lake Meadow.
Sixty Lakes Basin	<u>Day rides only</u> ; stock travel restricted to established trail to a point approximately 1.8 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail.

### **BUBBS CREEK DRAINAGE:**

Lower Bubbs Creek	<u>Closed to grazing</u> by horses and mules below Junction drift fence; one night grazing limit for walking parties with burros or llamas.
Sphinx Lakes	Unmaintained trail open to stock use.
Junction Meadow (Bubbs)	15 head per party maximum; one night grazing limit. Due to flooding, the lower portion of the meadow is <u>closed to grazing</u> . Grazing of the upper meadow is limited to private parties and 50 stock nights for the Cedar Grove Pack Station only.
East Lake	One night grazing limit; closed to grazing below the drift fence.
Lake Reflection	<u>Closed to stock.</u>
Vidette Meadow	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>
Upper Vidette Meadow	Open to grazing by private parties only.
Vidette Lakes	<u>Closed to stock.</u>
Center Basin	<u>Day rides only</u> above the John Muir Trail.
Kearsarge/Bullfrog Lakes	<u>Closed to grazing</u> ; low trail through basin closed to stock except spot trips to Kearsarge Lakes from the upper trail junction. Bullfrog Lake <u>closed to all overnight use.</u>
Charlotte Lake Meadows	Meadows immediately above and below Charlotte Lake <u>closed to grazing.</u>
Charlotte Creek Meadow	Two night grazing limit below the drift fence west of (below) Charlotte Lake.

### **ROARING RIVER DRAINAGE:**

#### **Open to unrestricted off-trail stock use except for the following:**

Roaring River Ranger Station	Closed to public grazing on the west side of Roaring River from the Ranger Station down to the drift fence.
Scaffold Meadow-JR Pasture	Administrative pasture closed to public use.
Scaffold Meadow-Tourist Pasture	15 head per party maximum; two night grazing limit, including nights in Lackey Pasture.
Lackey Pasture	Three head per party maximum; two night grazing limit.
Cement Table Meadow	15 head per party maximum; three night grazing limit.
Grave Meadow	15 head per party maximum; three night grazing limit.
Ellis & Tom Sears Meadows	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>
Seville Lake	<u>Closed to grazing.</u>

### **REDWOOD CANYON DRAINAGE:** Day rides and pass through travel only.

**For more detailed information, please see 2012 Stock Users Guide to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Wilderness or visit our website: [www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness](http://www.nps.gov/seki/planyourvisit/wilderness)**

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